

It is time for the FCC to remove the Morse (CW) requirement from the amateur radio service, completely. I support any proposal (including this one) that is a step in that direction. The core attraction to amateur radio is the ability to talk, using voice modes, long distances on HF bands. The CW requirement unnecessarily bars many individuals from obtaining the privileges that attracted them to amateur radio. The United States should not be behind the rest of the world when it comes to amateur testing. It's clear that most western regulatory agencies are, quickly, removing the code requirement. The FCC should stay in step; Amateur radio has evolved and now the testing must evolve with it. I support the retirement of CW testing.